

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 0026 as follows:

In a first embodiment of the present invention, the head gimbal assembly (HGA, including the head 305 and its supporting flexure) is electrically isolated from ground. The ammeter 309 (coupled to voltage source 311) would be connected to contact 313 which is electrically connected over suspension 307 to the magnetic recording head. As seen in Figure 3, if the HGA is electrically isolated from ground, then the ammeter 309 would detect electric current flowing between the disk and the head, such as would occur during contact events.